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May 24, 2007.

Yvette Fox  
Department of Health  
P.O. Box 47852  
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Dear Ms. Fox:

This letter is to express support for the Department of Health's proposal to amend WAC 246-310-010(9). This proposal would change the "bed need" ratio for nursing home beds from forty beds per one thousand persons age sixty-five or older to forty beds per one thousand persons age seventy or older.

As chair the Joint Task Force on Long-Term Care and Chronic Care Management this is an issue that I am very interested in. While the final recommendations from the Task Force have not been issued yet, your proposal to amend the nursing home bed need ratio is consistent with discussions within the Task Force's Advisory Groups and among Task Force members. Your proposal rule change is also consistent with HB 2204 which I sponsored in the 2007 legislative session.

If I can be of any further assistance on this issue please don't hesitate to contact me at 253-840-4604.

Sincerely,

REP. DAWN MORRELL  
25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District